REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 1, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-51 are currently pending, of which claims 30-51 are withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Preliminarily, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed January 4, 2005. However, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate the status of the references cited the IDS filed June 30, 2003.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-6, 14-18, and 19-27 but note, however, that claim 2 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Chin et al. in view of Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,819,391). Clarification is respectfully requested as to the status of claim 2.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 7-9, and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Chin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,593,992). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As set forth at M.P.E.P. § 2131, a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference. That is, the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim.

Nevertheless, the Examiner asserts that Chin et al. anticipates claim 1 because Chin et al. allegedly teaches "that both [main and dummy] seal patterns [14 and 15, respectively,] can be formed by either a screen printing method or a dispensing method." The Examiner then asserts that such a teaching "gives explicit fruition to forming the main seal pattern by screen printing and the dummy seal pattern by dispensing." Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that

such a teaching merely suggests that the main and dummy seal patterns can be formed by a screen printing method or that the main and dummy seal patterns can be formed by a dispensing method. Assuming *arguendo* that Chin et al. "gives explicit fruition to forming the main seal pattern by screen printing and the dummy seal pattern by dispensing," as asserted by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit Chin et al. still fails to teach, either expressly or inherently, each and every element recited in claim 1. For example, while Chin et al. appears to teach wherein the main and dummy seal patterns are ultimately formed on the same substrate, Chin et al. fails to teach, either expressly or inherently, "forming a dummy seal pattern on the same substrate onto which the main seal pattern is formed," as recited in claim 1. For at least the reasons provided above, Applicants respectfully submit the Examiner has failed to establish that Chin et al. anticipates claim 1 and, therefore, request the present rejection of claim 1, and claims 7-9 and 11-13 which depend therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 depends from claim 2. The Examiner, however, has failed to establish that Chin et al. anticipates claim 2. In the absence of any anticipatory rejection of claim 2, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Chin et al. in view of Kim et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

The present application (application serial number 10/608,371) and both Chin et al. and Kim et al. were, at the time of the invention of the present application, made and owned by LG. Philips LCD Co., Ltd. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn as both Chin et al. and Kim et al. are not valid prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Chin et al. in view of Tamai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,803). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As discussed above, the present application (application serial number 10/608,371) and Chin et al. were, at the time of the invention of the present application, made and owned by

LG. Philips LCD Co., Ltd. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn as Chin et al. is not valid prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Applicants believe the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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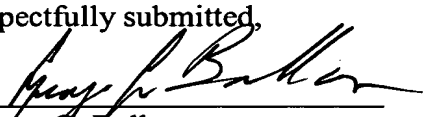
Respectfully submitted,

By 

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